

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/800,928	GONG, RICHARD	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Usha Raman	2617	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9-30-05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-21,23 and 26-30.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |



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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claims in the application are deemed to be directed to a nonobvious improvement over the invention disclosed in US Pre Grant Publication No. 2004/0205817. Claims 1 and 23 comprise, a step of providing, "upon selection of the first one of events that will extend beyond the scheduled duration, a graphical user interface including a first field for identifying an amount of overrun, a second field for identifying the number of said events that will delayed by the amount of overrun, and a third field for selectively identifying whether a last event of the identified number of events or an event immediately following the last event is to be truncated by the amount of the overrun". None of the prior arts, alone or in combination teach or suggest the step of "upon selection of the first one of events that will extend beyond the scheduled duration, a graphical user interface including a first field for identifying an amount of overrun, a second field for identifying the number of said events that will delayed by the amount of overrun, and a third field for selectively identifying whether a last event of the identified number of events or an event immediately following the last event is to be truncated by the amount of the overrun" in combination with recited limitations of claims 1 and 23.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

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3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's attorney, David Bilodeau on February 21st, 2006.
4. The application has been amended as follows:

Replace Claim 1 with:

--1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of automatically updating television schedule data for a plurality of serially-scheduled events telecast on the same channel, each event having a starting time and a duration, the method comprising:

selecting a first one of said events that will extend beyond a scheduled duration thereof;

providing, upon selection of the first one of the events that will extend beyond the scheduled duration, a graphical user Interface (GUI) including a first field for identifying an amount of the overrun, a second field for identifying the number of said events that will be delayed by the amount of overrun, and a third field for selectively identifying whether a last event of the identified number of events or an event immediately following the last event is to be truncated by the amount of the overrun; and

automatically updating schedule information data for each of said subset of events based upon information about said overrun.--

Replace Claim 23 with:

--23. (Currently Amended) A method of updating a television broadcast schedule of a plurality of serially-scheduled events for a channel, the method comprising:

selecting a first event that is to be overrun among a plurality of listed events;

providing, upon selection of the first one of the events that will extend beyond the scheduled duration, a graphical user Interface (GUI) including a first field for identifying an amount of the overrun, a second field for identifying the number of said events that will be delayed by the amount of overrun, and a third field for selectively identifying whether a last event of the identified number of events or an event immediately following the last event is to be truncated by the amount of the overrun; and

systematically updating a schedule of the serially-schedule events based on the first, second and third fields provided in the GUI.--


5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Usha Raman whose telephone number is (571) 272-7380. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm.

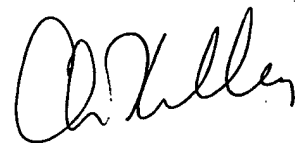
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Kelley can be reached on (571) 272-7331. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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